

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY

PURPOSE

Commanders are responsible to protect the personnel and equipment under their command. This letter establishes my safety policy with the goal of eliminating injuries to personnel and damage to equipment due to preventable accidents.

METHOD

We will accomplish this by minimizing risk and eliminating conditions that produce unsafe or unhealthy situations. Planning for all activities, both on and off duty, will include comprehensive operational risk management (ORM) at all levels. Vehicle inspections, rest plans, safety briefs, and holiday accident reduction program (HARP) forms are all tools to help our Marines stay safe while on liberty. Use them.

Prior to operations, leaders must not only recognize hazards during the planning process but must also train their Marines and sailors to play an active role in hazard identification and risk assessment. As an integral part of all training events and operations by this unit, we will write after action reports (AARs) that will review actions taken and allow us to learn from our experiences. We will share safety lessons learned with higher and adjacent units.

Leaders will:

- Be responsible for accident prevention to the same extent that they are responsible for production or services.
- Ensure that Marines under their supervision observe appropriate safety and occupational health regulations, including the correct use of protective clothing and equipment.
- Promptly identify and correct hazards reported by your Marines and sailors.

Leaders must be thoroughly familiar with ORM and integrate risk reduction measures into every operation. Risk management is a continuous process by which we assess hazards, take steps to eliminate or reduce the hazards, and ensure the proper controls and supervision are provided.

ENDSTATE

Your actions may have far reaching, strategic consequences. Think before you act in everything you do...at work, at home, and while on liberty. All Marines and sailors in MWSS-171 will know, follow, and enforce standards with safety as an integral part of each and every action.



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